CHAPTER 73

(Senate Bill 316)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Natural Resources - Vessel Excise Tax - Principal Use

FOR the purpose of providing that the vessel excise tax is levied on a vessel used principally in this State; repealing a certain requirement for imposition of the vessel excise tax; providing that certain active duty military personnel are exempt from the vessel excise tax for a certain period of time; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the assessment of the vessel excise tax.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-716(e) 8-716

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-716.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) "Commissioning procedures" means the initial outfitting of a vessel immediately after the purchase of the vessel, including the installation of rigging, electronic gear, propulsion machinery, generators, or other related gear.
 - (3) "Fair market value" means:
- (i) As to the sale of any vessel by a licensed dealer or a dealer licensed by another state or a foreign country, the total purchase price, as certified by the dealer on a form acceptable to the Department, less the value of any vessel that is traded in as part of the consideration for the sale, which trade—in value may not exceed the value for the trade—in vessel as shown in a national publication of used vessel values adopted by the Department;
- (ii) As to any other vessel that is sold by any person other than a licensed dealer, the greater of:
 - 1. The total purchase price; or
 - 2. \$100; or
- (iii) As to any other vessel that is sold by any person other than a licensed dealer, either: